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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
2 KC FELONS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Delbert A. Jones**, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 9, 2004, **Jones** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Jones** admitted that he was in possession of a Davis Industries .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol on July 19, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has three 2003 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance, tampering and resisting arrest.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Antonio M. Peeler**, 25, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to three years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 1, 2004, **Peeler** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Peeler** admitted that he was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber revolver on April 12, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Peeler** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for sexual misconduct with a child.

Peeler was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 20, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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